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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

USER REGISTRY ADAPTER FRAMEWORK

5   A method, computer program product, and data
processing system, with which a unified security policy
may be implemented using existing application components
with disparate security mechanisms and user registries is
disclosed. The present invention provides a generic
10   application programming interface (API) that forms a
framework for creating registry adapters. Registry
adapters allow a policy director (an item of software for
imposing a sitewide security policy) to operate with new
or unfamiliar registry types by acting as a drop-in
15   translator for converting generic registry-access
commands into operations specific to the particular
registry in question.